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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Y. Won

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 have been examined and are pending with this action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cargile (US 4,599,489 A).

INDEPENDENT:

As per **claim 1**, Cargile teaches a method of limiting an application program's usage by a user (see col.12, lines 21-22 & 44-46) comprising the steps of:

executing the application program (see col.11, line 65);

concurrently starting a timer (inherent: see col.1, lines 61-65 and col.12, lines 46-49); and

stopping execution of application program if the timer registers a time equal or greater than a pre-determined time (see col.12, lines 49-57).

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As per **claim 6**, Cargile teaches a computer program product on a computer readable medium for limiting an application program's usage by user (see col.12, lines 21-22 & 44-46) comprising:

code means for executing the application program (see col.11, line 65);

code means for concurrently starting a timer (inherent: see col.1, lines 61-65 and col.12, lines 46-49); and

code means for stopping execution of the program if the timer registers a time equal or greater than a pre-determined time (see col.12, lines 49-57).

As per **claim 11**, Cargile teaches an apparatus for limiting an application program's usage by a user (see col.12, lines 21-22 & 44-46) comprising:

means for executing application program (see col.11, line 65);

means for concurrently starting a timer (inherent: see col.1, lines 61-65 and col.12, lines 46-49); and

means for stopping execution of the application program if the timer registers a time equal or greater than a pre-determined time (see col.12, lines 49-57).

As per **claim 16**, Cargile teaches a computer system for limiting an application program's usage by a user (see col.12, lines 21-22 & 44-46) comprising:

at least one memory device for storing code data (see col.1, lines 15-20);
and

at least one processor for processing the code data to execute the application program (see col.11, line 65), to concurrently start a timer (inherent:

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see col.1, lines 61-65 and col.12, lines 46-49), and to stop execution of the application program if the timer registers a time equal or greater than a pre-determined time (see col.12, lines 49-57).

DEPENDENT:

As per **claims 2, 7, 12, and 17**, which respectively depend on claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, Cargile teaches of further comprising the step of ascertaining whether the user is permitted to use application program before executing the application program (see col.2, lines 4-8 and col.11, lines 62-65).

As per **claims 3, 8, 13, and 18**, which respectively depend on claims 2, 7, 12, and 17, Cargile further teaches wherein the step of ascertaining whether the user is allowed to use the application program further comprises the step of ensuring that there is not a time interval restriction (see col.12, lines 54-57).

As per **claims 4, 9, 14, and 19**, which respectively depend on claims 3, 8, 13, and 18, Cargile teaches of further comprising the step of making sure the time interval has elapsed before the user is allowed use the application program if there is a time interval restriction (see col.12, lines 54-57).

As per **claims 5, 10, 15, and 20**, which respectively depend on claims 4, 9, 14, and 19, although Cargile does not further teach explicitly wherein the pre-determined time, is determined by an administrator, such limitations are (inherent: see col.12, lines 21-22: "owner of software").

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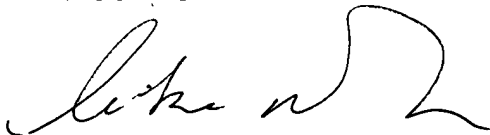
Conclusion

3. Claims 1-20 have been rejected.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Y. Won whose telephone number is 571-272-3993. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7AM-5PM.

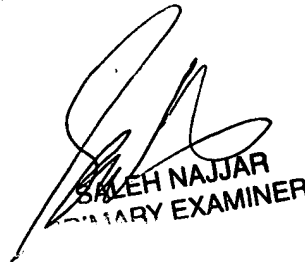
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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August 8, 2005



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